

IC 20-19-3

Chapter 3. Department of Education

IC 20-19-3-1

Establishment

Sec. 1. The department of education is established.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.3.

IC 20-19-3-2

Director

Sec. 2. The state superintendent is the director of the department.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.3.

IC 20-19-3-3

Hiring personnel

Sec. 3. The state superintendent:

- (1) subject to IC 20-19-2-8(a)(1); and
- (2) with the approval of the budget agency;

may hire the personnel necessary to perform the duties of the department under this title.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.3.

IC 20-19-3-4

Duties of department; suspension and expulsion statistics

Sec. 4. (a) The department shall:

- (1) perform the duties required by statute;
- (2) implement the policies and procedures established by the state board;
- (3) conduct analytical research to assist the state board in determining the state's educational policy;
- (4) compile statistics concerning the ethnicity, gender, and disability status of students in Indiana schools, including statistics for all information that the department receives from school corporations on enrollment, number of suspensions, and number of expulsions; and
- (5) provide technical assistance to school corporations.

(b) In compiling statistics by gender, ethnicity, and disability status under subsection (a)(4), the department shall also categorize suspensions and expulsions by cause as follows:

- (1) Alcohol.
- (2) Drugs.
- (3) Deadly weapons (other than firearms).
- (4) Handguns.
- (5) Rifles or shotguns.
- (6) Other firearms.
- (7) Tobacco.
- (8) Attendance.
- (9) Destruction of property.
- (10) Legal settlement (under IC 20-33-8-17).
- (11) Fighting (incident does not rise to the level of battery).

- (12) Battery (IC 35-42-2-1).
- (13) Intimidation (IC 35-45-2-1).
- (14) Verbal aggression or profanity.
- (15) Defiance.
- (16) Other.

(c) The department shall develop guidelines necessary to implement this section.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.242-2005, SEC.10.

IC 20-19-3-5

Powers of department

Sec. 5. The department may:

- (1) exercise the powers granted by statute;
- (2) with the approval of the budget agency, employ experts and consultants to assist the department in carrying out its functions;
- (3) with the consent of other state agencies, use the services and facilities of other state agencies without reimbursements;
- (4) accept in the name of the department, for use in carrying out the functions of the department, money received by gift, grant, bequest, or otherwise;
- (5) accept voluntary and uncompensated services; and
- (6) expend funds made available to the department according to policies established by the budget agency.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.3.

IC 20-19-3-6

Education consultant for health and physical education

Sec. 6. (a) The department shall:

- (1) establish a program in health and physical education to encourage children in kindergarten through grade 12 to develop:
 - (A) healthful living habits;
 - (B) an interest in lifetime health and physical fitness; and
 - (C) decision making skills in the areas of health and physical fitness;
- (2) establish the position of education consultant for health and physical education; and
- (3) hire an individual to perform the duties of education consultant for health and physical education.

(b) The education consultant for health and physical education shall:

- (1) plan and develop curricula for health and physical education for grades kindergarten through 12; and
- (2) perform other duties designated by the department.

(c) The program in health and physical education must include the following:

- (1) Local school program development.
- (2) Technical and inservice training assistance for local schools.
- (3) Local school initiatives in writing curricula in the areas of health and physical education.

(4) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training using a training program approved by the American Heart Association or an equivalent nationally recognized training program.

(d) The department may give grants to or enter into contracts with individuals or school corporations to carry out the purposes of the program in health and physical education.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.3.

IC 20-19-3-7

Federal grants; restrictions on acceptance or distribution; withdrawal from grant program

Sec. 7. (a) The department may not accept or distribute to school corporations grants from the federal government under Title III of P.L.103-227 (repealed), if the state superintendent determines that acceptance or distribution of grant money does at least one (1) of the following:

(1) Authorizes an officer or employee of the federal government to mandate, direct, or control at least one (1) of the following:

(A) The department.

(B) A school corporation.

(C) A school curriculum or program of instruction.

(D) Allocation of a state or local government resource.

(2) Requires the department, a school corporation, or a school to spend money or incur an expense not paid under Title III of P.L.103-227 (repealed).

(3) Requires a school corporation, as a condition of participation, to increase the access of students to at least one (1) of the following:

(A) Social services.

(B) Health care.

(C) Nutrition.

(D) Services related to the services listed in clauses (A) through (C).

(E) Child care services.

(4) Requires a school corporation, as a condition of participation, to implement an outcome based education program.

(5) Requires a school corporation, as a condition of participation, to adopt:

(A) a national curriculum; or

(B) national assessment standards.

(6) Requires federal government certification of:

(A) a state curriculum; or

(B) state assessment standards.

(b) The governing body of a school corporation that receives a grant under this section may withdraw from participation in the grant program at the following times:

(1) At the end of a school year.

(2) At any time during a school year, if money received for participation in the grant program is returned to the department.

The amount that a school corporation must return to the department is the amount received for expenditure during the time after the school corporation has ceased to participate in the program.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.3.

IC 20-19-3-8

Limitation of department approval of school building construction, alteration, or repair plans

Sec. 8. The department may not approve or disapprove plans and specifications for the construction, alteration, or repair of school buildings, except as necessary under the following:

- (1) The terms of a federal grant or a federal law.
- (2) IC 20-35-4-2 concerning the authorization of a special school for children with disabilities.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.3.